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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

Examiner:

Applicants express their appreciation to Examiners Mark Stanley and Scott Beliveau for the courtesy of an interview on Tuesday, September 15 at about 2:00 PM Eastern time. Kunwar Singh was also in attendance on behalf of the Applicants.

Interview Summary

In preparation for the interview, Applicants sent an agenda via facsimile that included an annotated copy of claim 5 and a brief summary of Applicants objectives for the interview.

The interview began with the Applicants and the Examiners discussing figure 4b of the Applicants' specification and paragraph 299 of the Logan reference.

We discussed amending claim 5 to incorporate language to distinguish content providers from content distributors.

We discussed new wording for claim 5 that may overcome Logan. The potential claim wording is as follows:

Claim 5 includes the limitations:

a shared personal video recorder (PVR) network server at a distribution system head end, said PVR network server for storing multiple TV programs with one or more TV programs containing TV metadata;

a specific program delivered to a specific TV display, with the specific program having stored metadata defining unwanted program segments;

a processor and logic coupled to the shared personal video recorder network server adapted to compare the TV metadata with the stored metadata and to remove undesired program segments from the specific program; and

Further logic adapted to cause reimbursement of a source content provider, the source content provider distinct from the operator of the distribution system head end, for financial loss from removal of the undesired program segments from the specific program

No binding agreements were reached.

There seem to be a consensus interest in a follow-up telephone call, if necessary, to put the case condition for allowance. We look forward to speaking with the Examiner.

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CONCLUSION

Fee Authorization. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this filing. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (GBTV 1001-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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